कच्चे तेल का आयात किया गया और उसका मूल्य कितना था तथा उन फर्मों और कंपनियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिनके माध्यम से इसका आयात किया गया;

(ख) इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा तेल के आयात के लिए क्या तरीका अपनाया जाता है और यदि कारपोरेशन ने इस उद्देश्य के लिए कुछ फर्मों इत्यादि का पंजीकृत किया है, तो उनके नाम क्या-क्या हैं और वे कब से पंजीकृत हैं और प्रत्येक के माध्यम से कितनी मात्रा में तेल का आयात किया गया और उनके मूल्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) तेल के आयात के लिए इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन के पास किसी नई कंपनी अथवा फर्म का पंजीकृत करवाने की क्या प्रक्रिया है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन ने वर्ष 1991 के दौरान तेल उत्पादक देशों की राष्ट्रीय तेल कंपनियों के साथ आवधिक संविदाओं के तहत तथा स्पाट बाजार दोनों ही माध्यम से करीब 24.028 मि.मी. टन क्रूड तेल का आयात किया जिसका अनुमानित मूल्य 7600 करोड़ रुपए है। आई ओ सी के पास पंजीकृत पार्टियों की निविदा क्रूड तेल की स्पाट खरीद इन्क-वाइरीज के जरिए की जाती है। ऐसी कोई पार्टी, जो क्रूड तेल की उत्पादक/प्रत्यक्ष आपूर्तिकर्ता है, पंजीकरण के लिए आई ओ सी को आवेदन कर सकती है जिसके आवेदन पर उसकी वित्तीय स्थिति, तेल कारोबार से संबंधित ट्रैक रिकार्ड तथा बैंक संदर्भों आदि के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है।

MOU signed by Oil India Ltd.

2193. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding for 1992-93 has been signed between Oil India Limited and his Ministry on the 14th July, 1992 ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the targets to be achieved by Oil India Limited in the fields of drilling, sales, of gas LPG production, seismic surveys etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Memorandum of Understanding for 1992-93 between Oil India Ltd. and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was signed on 15th June. 1992.

(b) The MOU envisages achieving the following targets by Oil India Ltd., during 1992-93 :—

	Unit	Target for 1992-93
(i) Seismic Surveys		
3D	sq. km.	100
2D	GLKM	1250
2D	SLKM	2800
(ii) Drilling	'000 mtrs.	146
(iii) Crude oil production	MMT	2.92
(iv) LPG Production	'000 tonnes	50
(v) Gas sales	MMSCM	750

Waiting list for L.P.G. connections in Nagpur

2194. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections for domestic use in Nagpur city.

(b) what is the present number of LPG connections existing in the city ; and

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) 87,000 (approx.)

(b) 2,13,800 (approx.)

(c) Efforts are constantly on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible subject to availability of LPG.

Oil exploration off Pondicherry coast

2195. DR. ABRAR AHMED :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil exploration activity off the Pondicherry-Cuddalore coast is likely to be called off shortly ;

(b) since when the drilling in the area has been going on and what are the results so far ; and

(c) what are the reasons for calling off the activities ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Exploratory drilling in this area started with the drilling of first well in July '78, which proved dry. In the last two years 4 wells have been drilled without establishing any hydro-carbon reserves.

(c) Does not arise.

Restructuring of ONGC and Oil

2196. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to change the structure of ONGC and Oil India Limited (OIL) to improve its functioning ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government also propose to promote the private sector participation in these two PSUs ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) by when the structure of these two PSUs is likely to be changed ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a), (b) and (e) Government have constituted a Committee to examine all organisational aspects of ONGC and recommend any structural change The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31-8-1992. There is no proposal to restructure Oil India Ltd.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Waiting list for LPG in Madhya Pradesh

2197. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new LPG connections have not been released to the waiting consumers in the State of Madhya Pradesh for the last several years ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the cut off dates for release of LPG connections in 45